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- 1. IN REPLY TO OUR FURTHER INQUIRY ABE STATED DELAY IN HIS RESPONSE IS DUE TO HIS AWAITING DEVELOPMENTS IN A PARALLEL SITUATION IN WHICH FORMER WESTINGHOUSE EMPLOYEE (WHOM HE DID NOT IDENTIFY) IS REPORTEDLY MAKING DEPOSITION ON BEHALF OF MITSUBISHI. ABE SAYS HE WISHES TO "WATCH THE DEVELOPMENTS" BEFORE DECIDING ON HIS COURSE OF ACTION. HE HAS INDICATED HE WILL CONTACT US AGAIN IN AUGUST; WE SEE NO PROSPECT THEREFORE OF INTERVIEWING HIM BEFORE SEPTEMBER.
- 2. ABE HAS BEEN COURTEOUS AND HAS INDICATED DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL IN CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBOFF, AND WE BELIEVE HE IS CONSCIENTIOUS IN WANTING TO DO THE RIGHT THING WHILE UNDER CONFLICTING PRESSURES FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE CASE. WE DO NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY, HOWEVER, THAT WE ARE BEING STRUNG ALONG WITH WHAT MAY BE A POLITE JAPANESE WAY OF SAYING "NO."

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